

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JESSIE L. MEDLIN, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

January 19,1999

A. CALL TO ORDER

The January 19, 1999, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Jessie Medlin of DeSoto County.

Deputy Charlie Brown of the DeSoto County Sheriff’s Department was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

Jessie Medlin-----District 1
Eugene C. Thach-----District 2
James D. Pearson-----District 3
John Caldwell-----District 4
Tommy Lewis-----District 5
W. E. “Sluggo” Davis-----Chancery Clerk/County Administrator
James Albert Riley-----Sheriff of DeSoto County
Bill Austin-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Supervisor John Caldwell.

C. BOB BARBER - HISTORIC DESOTO MUSEUM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Bob Barber of the Historic DeSoto Museum Executive Committee presented a Development and Operation Plan update to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Barber said the committee began approximately four (4) months ago seeking funds from the private and local sector. Mr. Barber stated the update contains the financial statement from William & Pitts, brochures, etc. Mr. Barber said over the past four (4) months the committee has developed a donor base with approximately two hundred fifty (250) entities for contributions.

Mr. Barber introduced Artist, Mike Maness of Southaven, Mississippi, who has donated the print of Hernando DeSoto which will hang in the Historic DeSoto Museum. At this time, Mr. Maness presented a signed, numbered print of Hernando DeSoto to the Board of Supervisors for the Courthouse.

Mr. Barber said the committee will now began phase II, which will concentrate on large corporation contributions in the County. Mr. Barber said the committee has received a donation of land, and the possibility of a joint venture with the Chamber of Commerce in Southaven. Mr. Barber said this project will be top quality and will fill a need in DeSoto County.

ITEM C, CONTINUED,___

Ms. Annie Ruth Brown, President of the Historic Foundation said she would like to “Thank” the Board of Supervisors for all the work they have done for the museum. Supervisor Jessie Medlin replied, he would like to “Thank” Ms. Brown for all of her hard work.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the \$ 325,000.00 included the funding from the County and asked if the cities have contributed. Mr. Barber replied, the \$ 325,000.00 includes the funding from the County and the contributions made by all cities. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked what amount the cities contributed to the fund. Mr. Barber said the city’s total contribution was in the amount of \$ 25,000.00. Mr. Barber said he was not before the Board to ask for a pledge today.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said \$ 100,000.00 was budgeted for the fiscal year of 1999. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the money is already set aside and could the Board go ahead and release the total pledge of funds to the Museum Committee. Mr. Barber said it could possibly be April before the Museum Committee would request funds from the County.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the Board could release the pledged funds to the committee to purchase the property. Supervisor Eugene Thach said he would rather wait until October, 1999 to release the balance of the funds pledged. Supervisor John Caldwell asked Mr. Barber to advise the Board of the amount of interest the Museum Committee would have to pay on the loan. Supervisor Caldwell said it may be advantageous for the Museum Committee to receive the entire pledged amount versus the interest due on the loan. Mr. Barber said he would present these figures to the Board of Supervisors within the next two (2) weeks.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the sale of the prints would benefit the Museum. Mr. Maness replied, the prints will sell for \$ 150.00 each with all proceeds going to the museum. Mr. Barber said the sale of the prints will be for a limited time only, and any unsold prints will be destroyed. Ms. Brown said the Country Framers in Horn Lake, Mississippi donated their framing services for the print to hang in the Museum.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked for Board clarification on Mr. Barber receiving pledged funds from the County for the Museum. Supervisor Lewis asked if Mr. Barber could pick up a check in the amount of \$ 100,000.00 from accounting. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said before funds could be released, this request for funds would be placed on the claims docket.

Ellen Meacham, of the Museum Committee suggested recognition for Bob Barber, as he has kept committee members on track.

D. DEQ REGULATIONS - DR. PENNINGTON

Dr. Pennington appeared before the Board of Supervisors to discuss the DEQ Regulations. Dr. Pennington expressed his condolences of the loss of Mr. Green Blythe.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said in light of the DEQ regulations regarding ground water run off, etc., he invited Dr. Pennington of the YMD to see what they can do for DeSoto County and discuss the cost involved.

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Dr. Pennington said the District was formed in 1989, and as of this date there are seventeen (17) counties which are members of the YMD. Dr. Pennington said there are twenty-three (23) members on the Board of Commissioners. Dr. Pennington said Washington County presently has three (3) Commissioners on the Board and if DeSoto County decided to become a member of YMD, they would have six (6) Commissioners on the Board.

Dr. Pennington said the District office is located in Stoneville, and the Board meets once a month. Dr. Pennington said presently the District has a budget of \$ 800,000.00 which supports a staff of thirteen (13). Dr. Pennington said the YMD is located at the Delta Experimental Station and has a working relationship with the Mississippi Water District. Dr. Pennington said YMD can petition responsibility from the statute to the local level.

Dr. Pennington said agri water, and stream base flows are two of the major issues with DEQ Regulations. Dr. Pennington said at the present time YMD is responsible for thirteen thousand (13,000) water use permits.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked Dr. Pennington how if millage is imposed by drainage basin or county wide. Dr. Pennington replied, at present, the delta part of DeSoto is in the program. Supervisor Eugene Thach stated the YMD is geared for the delta in connection with the catfish ponds, and rice fields, as DeSoto County does not have these items. Dr. Pennington said the surface water quality will be the main issue with DEQ.

Dr. Pennington said general problems consists of the following:

- (1) Surface Water Quality
- (2) Coldwater River Clean Up
- (3) March 1, 1999 - Phase II - Storm Water Requirements
- (4) Drinking Water

Dr. Pennington said YMD has been successful in the Mississippi Delta recognizing it's problems, procuring a plan to resolve those problems, and DEQ has not continued mandates with the Delta.

Supervisor John Caldwell said since the millage is used for staff purposes only, if a solution is found, does the YMD enforce this solution or does the Board of Supervisors have a voice. Dr. Pennington replied, YMD takes the approach in working with the local people to develop a solution that all people can live with.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Dr. Pennington if DeSoto County is part of this at present; what would YMD do for DeSoto County; and what would DeSoto County be receiving for money. Dr. Pennington said without DEQ, the EPA could place restrictions on the County, resulting in the curtailment of economic development in DeSoto County. Dr. Pennington said the Federal and State Law mandates regulations so the County's cannot continue to violate regulations.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if Tate or Marshall County are members of YMD. Dr. Pennington said not at this time. Supervisor John Caldwell suggested a regional solution, and recommended Tate and Marshall County be a member.

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Supervisor Eugene Thach asked what the District has done for the portion of DeSoto County

already in YMD. Dr. Pennington replied, as of today no solution has been found, however, it will take years to develop. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said if DeSoto County joined the YMD, would you test all streams. Dr. Pennington replied, DeSoto County would not use local funds for what state funds will pay for. Dr. Pennington said forestry and agriculture has become part of the problem. Dr. Pennington said YMD is maintaining a close tract of ground water usage. Dr. Pennington said development in this part of DeSoto County has not stopped.

Dr. Pennington said if DeSoto County joined YMD additional staff would be needed such as a geologists for storm water compliance.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said if DEQ steps in stopping all discharge, this will result in curtailing all growth to DeSoto County and taxes will go up. Dr. Pennington said the millage rate of .61mill would fund this project, but by statute they could collect 3/4 mill.

Dr. Pennington asked the Board of Supervisors to appoint a replacement for Mr. Green Blythe.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin requested taking the DEQ issue under advisement.

The Board of Supervisors thanked Dr. Pennington for coming.

No motions were made nor votes taken. ****See Exhibit D****

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Paul Beale - Election Commission

This item was held over. ****See Exhibit E.1****

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bid Opening

a. Motor Grader

Road Manager, Kenny Gunn came before the Board of Supervisors for Bid Opening of the Motor Grader # 99-156-006.

Mr. Gunn said three (3) bids were received and opened at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Gunn stated the bids were as follows:

Thompson Machinery	Caterpillar 140H *60 month buy back Bonded - \$ 90,286.00	\$ 153,033.71
Barton Machinery	John Deere 770C *60 month buy back \$ 70,500.00	\$ 141,739.00
L.B. Smith	Champion 720A *60 month buy back No option	\$ 117,873.00

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Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the

motion to take bid #99-156-006 for the Motor Grader under advisement. The **motion passed** by unanimous vote. ****SEE EXHIBIT F.1.a.****

b. Backhoe/Loader

Road Manager, Kenny Gunn came before the Board of Supervisors for Bid Opening of the Backhoe/Loader # 99-156-005.

Mr. Gunn said five (5) bids were received and opened at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Gunn stated the bids were as follows:

Contractors Equipment	JCB 215	\$ 63,760.00
United Equipment	Case 590L	\$ 69,750.00
Barton Equipment	John Deere 410E	\$ 72,999.00
Thompson Equipment	Caterpillar 426C	\$ 69,350.00
L.B. Smith	No Bid	

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to take bid #99-156-005 for the Backhoe/Loader under advisement. The **motion passed** by unanimous vote. ****SEE EXHIBIT F.1.b****

c. Dirt Pan

Road Manager, Kenny Gunn came before the Board of Supervisors for Bid Opening of the Dirt Pan # 99-156-004.

Mr. Gunn said four (4) bids were received and opened at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Gunn stated the bids were as follows:

Heartland Companies	Reynolds 17C	\$ 32,586.00
Tractors & Equipment	Reynolds 17C	\$ 34,500.00
Murphy International	Reynolds 17C	\$ 35,591.42
L.B. Smith	No Bid	

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to take bid #99-156-004 for the Dirt Pan under advisement. The **motion passed** by unanimous vote. ****SEE EXHIBIT F.1.c.****

ITEM F.1.d., CONTINUED,

d. General Purpose Tractor

Road Manager, Kenny Gunn came before the Board of Supervisors for Bid Opening of the General Purpose Tractor # 99-156-003.

Mr. Gunn said six (6) bids were received and opened at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Gunn stated the bids were as follows:

Blackton Equipment	Massey Ferguson 4253	\$ 27,291.76
Baker & Powell	Kubuto M9000DT	\$ 22,637.00
Kalb Equipment	Kubuto M9000DT	\$ 20,500.00
Ford New Holland	New Holland 7610S	\$ 28,275.00
Tractors & Equipment	John Deere 640	\$ 29,750.00
Heartland	Case HI	\$ 30,980.00

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to take bid #99-156-003 for the General Purpose Tractor under advisement. The **motion passed** by unanimous vote. ****SEE EXHIBIT F.1.d.****

e. Four Wheel Drive Tractor

Road Manager, Kenny Gunn came before the Board of Supervisors for Bid Opening of the Four Wheel Drive Tractor # 99-156-007.

Mr. Gunn said five (5) bids were received and opened at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Gunn stated the bids were as follows:

Ford New Holland	New Holland 9482	\$ 97,800.00
Tractors & Equipment	John Deere 9200	\$121,000.00
Heartland	Case IH 9350	\$112,579.00
Murphys International	Case IH 9370	\$117,116.16
Murphys International	Case IH 9350	\$106,610.05

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to take bid #99-156-007 for the Four Wheel Drive Tractor under advisement. The **motion passed** by unanimous vote. ****SEE EXHIBIT F.1.e.****

2. Comprehensive Contract for Cellular Service

This item was held over. ****See Exhibit F.2****

ITEM F.3, CONTINUED,

3. Merritt Powell - Planning Commission

a. MPO Issue

Merritt Powell of the Planning Commission notified the Board of Supervisors he is to meet January 20th, 1999, regarding the MPO issue. Mr. Powell said Southaven is requesting improvements be made to Getwell Road from Church Road to Goodman. Mr. Powell said Horn Lake requested to be placed on the higher priority of Nail Road from Tulane to Highway 51.

Mr. Powell said there is federal money available in the amount of \$ 1,189,470.00. Mr. Powell said there will be a match of 20% which Southaven and Horn Lake has stated they will meet the match. Mr. Powell said he had spoken with Ms. Burks, a representative of MPO. Mr. Powell said Ms. Burks advised him \$ 480,000.00 had been appropriated to the fund for 1998-1999.

At the recommendation of Merritt Powell, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to support the requested changes from Southaven and Horn Lake in connection with the priority of the road projects, and if they are eligible for funding. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

b. Public Hearing - Sunset Law - Mobile Homes/Gravel Pits

At the recommendation of Merritt Powell of the Planning Commission, Supervisors Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion update the Sunset Law in connection with Mobile Homes and Gravel Pits, by making the necessary date changes. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

c. Refund of Fees - Building

Mr. Merritt Powell of the Planning Commission notified the Board of Supervisors he has received a refund request from Steve & Karen Wilson for a building permit. Mr. Powell said Mr. & Mrs. Wilson have requested a full refund.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Mr. Powell if the Planning Commission has a refund policy. Mr. Powell replied, yes, however, refunds are based on a formula. Mr. Powell said the Wilson's would receive a refund of \$ 212.50.

At the recommendation of Merritt Powell of the Planning Commission, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to refund Steve & Karen Wilson in the amount of \$ 212.50 for one (1) building permit, based on the Planning Commission's Refund Policy. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

4. Appointments - Planning Commission

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion, to reappoint Mr. C. G. Richardson, and Mr. James Mayfield to the Planning Commission; and to appoint Ms. Claudia Niebanck to replace T. L. Plunkett on the Planning Commission, as the District 4 appointment as Mr. Plunkett's job conflicts with the scheduled meetings. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.4****

Merritt Powell presented a list of Planning Commission meetings and appointee attendances. ****See Exhibit F.4****

ITEM F.5., CONTINUED,

5. Pat Huddleston - Beaver Control Report

Wildlife Specialists, Pat Huddleston notified the Board of Supervisors the Beaver Control Program is working well. Mr. Huddleston said eighty-five (85) beaver have been trapped

since June 1st, 1998.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Mr. Huddleston if he is working closely with the Road Manager, Kenny Gunn. Mr. Huddleston replied, he speaks with Mr. Gunn often.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked the approximate cost to a private resident. Mr. Huddleston said approximately \$ 100.00 to \$ 200.00 would be the overall cost to a private resident or \$ 10.00 per hour after the first four hours.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Mr. Huddleston if he works directly for the state. Mr. Huddleston says yes, and he is required to retain field records on the trappings. Mr. Huddleston said at the present time he has no access to a computer, but every hour spent in DeSoto County is recorded.

6. Making State Aid Bridge Inspection Report Part of the Minutes

Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to making the State Aid Bridge Inspection Report as part of the minutes. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.6****

7. Church Road - Speed Limit Review

The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn notified the Board of Supervisors he has received numerous complaints in connection with the speed limit on a portion of Church Road being 30 mph. Mr. Gunn said when you cross Tulane on Church the speed limit is 45 mph. Mr. Gunn said he felt 30 mph is slow, and the speed limit should be the same on Church Road.

At the recommendation of the Road Manager, Kenny Gunn, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to raise the speed limit on Church Road to 45 mph. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

8. Approval of Changes in Assessments

Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the increases and reductions in assessments as presented by the Tax Assessor. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.8****

9. BFI - Acknowledgment of Rate Increase

County Administrator, W. E. "Sluggo" Davis notified the Board of Supervisors he received notice from BFI Waste Systems in connection with a CPI price increase of 1.5% to be effective January 1st, 1999. This increase is in accordance with DeSoto County and BFI Waste Systems Contract.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to acknowledge the BFI Waste Systems price increase of 1.5% to be effective January 1st, 1999, The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.9****

ITEM F.10, CONTINUED,

10. Summershill VFD - Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program

Vanessa Lynchard notified the Board of Supervisors Bobby Storey is out of town. Vanessa made the Board aware of Part V of the Fire Truck acquisition program is to be completed in connection with the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program.

At the recommendation of Vanessa Lynchard, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion in making the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program progress part of the minutes. ****See Exhibit F.10****

11. North Delta Planning & Development - Appointment

a. County

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to reappoint Supervisor Tommy Lewis to the County position of the North Delta Planning & Development. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.11.a.****

b. Minority

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to reappoint Mr. Charlie Reese to the Minority position of the North Delta Planning & Development. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.11.b.****

c. At Large

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to reappoint Ms. Lorine Cady to the At-Large position of the North Delta Planning & Development. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.11.c.****

12. Dale Thompson - Budget Amendments

a. Justice Court - Approval to Refund Bond

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the refund of a cash bond in the amount of \$ 130.00 to Rhonda D. Goad. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.12.a.****

b. Youth Services

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1999. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the following budget amendment under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Lower	001-901-999	general fund balance	\$ 1,300.00
Increase	001-164-552	medical fees for psychological evaluation for children	\$ 1,300.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.12.b****

ITEM F.12.c, CONTINUED,

c. Family & Children Services - Varrie Richmond

This item was held over until January 25th, 1999. ****See Exhibit F.12.c****

d. Data Processing

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1999. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the budget amendments under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Lower	001-152-606	computer supplies	\$ 1,000.00
Increase	001-152-934	furniture & fixtures	\$ 1,000.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.12.d****

e. Board of Supervisors

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1999. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to accept the budget amendments under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Lower	001-100-554	consultant fees	\$ 573.00
Increase	001-100-477	travel in county	\$ 473.00
Increase	001-100-589	recording fees pd to W. E. Davis	\$ 100.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.12.e****

f. Sheriff's Department

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1999. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the budget amendments under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Increase	001-000-383	proceeds from insurance claim	\$ 1,740.00
Increase	001-202-937	purchase of radios	\$ 1,740.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.12.f****

ITEM F.12.g, CONTINUED,

g. Metro Narcotics - Gary Smith

This item was held over for Executive Session. ****See Exhibit F.12.g****

h. DeSoto Council

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the

Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1999. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to accept the budget amendments under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Increase	001-652-760	Fy99 allocation	\$ 9,000.00
Lower	001-901-999	general fund	\$ 9,000.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

13. Transfer - Metro Narcotics

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an transfer for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1999 from Metro Narcotics Seized Funds to Metro Narcotics Forfeitures. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve a transfer from Metro Narcotics Seized Funds to Metro Narcotics Forfeitures under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19.

	Date seized	Amount
John Westbrook	01/18/98	\$ 200.00
Oliver Arnold	05/24/98	\$ 118.00
Ryan K. Pinson	06/20/98	\$ 518.00
Morris L. Brown	08/15/98	\$ 50.00
Mark A. Johnson	08/15/98	\$ 210.00
Adrian Downs	08/21/98	\$ 128.00
Corneilus Cole	08/28/98	\$1535.00
Mickey J. Langston	09/05/98	\$ 112.00
April D. Dlugach	09/09/98	\$ 310.00
Daryl D. Wren	09/26/98	\$ 458.00
Angelo D. Carlock	09/06/98	\$ 118.00
Calvin Peppers	09/17/98	\$ 134.00
Marshall Anderson	09/17/98	\$ 219.00
Jimmie D. Moore	09/26/98	\$ 182.00
Corneilus Cole	10/10/98	\$ 485.00
Taurus Walton	10/29/98	\$ 60.00
Ronald W. Jones	11/03/98	\$ 161.00
Leander Wilson	11/09/98	\$ 64.00
Lower	123-900-950	\$ 5,062.00
Increase	105-000-388	\$ 5,062.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.13.****

ITEM F.14, CONTINUED,

14. Investment of Surplus Funds

In accordance with Section 19-2-29 of the Mississippi Code, which states that whenever any county shall have on hand any bond and interest funds, any funds derived from the sale of bonds, special funds, or any other funds in excess of the sums which will be required to meet the current needs and demands of no more than seven (7) business days, the Board of Supervisors of such county shall invest such excess funds.

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the investment of surplus funds to First American Bank, who was the high bidder that placed their bid as follows:

<u>DATE OF INVESTMENT</u>	<u>BANK</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>DAYS</u>
01/07/99	FIRST AMERICAN	\$ 3,720,000.00	4.60	34
01/07/99	FIRST AMERICAN	\$ 2,245,000.00	4.60	56
01/07/99	FIRST AMERICAN	\$ 4,400,000.00	4.70	111

The **motion passed** by unanimous vote. ****SEE EXHIBIT F.14****

15. Travel Reimbursement - Supervisor Eugene Thach

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve travel reimbursement to the Board of Supervisors and officials for the Midwinter Conference. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
James D. Pearson-----Absent
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis-----Yes

****See Exhibit F.15****

16. Larry Wood - Y2K Update & Approval to Purchase Equipment for Testing

Larry Wood of the IS Department presented an update to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Y2K project. Mr. Wood said the IS Department needs to focus on the AS400 application. Mr. Wood said most of the programs are in the old mode, and needs to be updated to the native mode.

Mr. Wood said he would recommend using off the shelf software and pay a monthly maintenance fee. Mr. Wood said some applications would need to be reprogrammed, however, with the use of off the shelf software, the IS Department would have time to evaluate other programs.

Mr. Wood recommended Data Systems Management for Justice Court. Mr. Wood said currently there are no off the shelf applications suitable for Justice Court. Mr. Wood said with Data Systems Management, this application would be a turn key solution, however, this application will not be available until the Spring of 1999.

ITEM F.16, CONTINUED,

Mr. Wood said at the present time there is no off the shelf software for the Planning Commission. Mr. Wood said he would recommend Ideal Solution for the upgrade in the Planning Commission.

Mr. Wood said at present the target date is March 1st, 1999 for these upgrades, however, realistically it will be the middle of March.

At the recommendation of IS Manager, Larry Wood, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve Data Systems

Management for a turn key solution for Justice Court; to contract with Ideal Solution for the upgrade in the Planning Commission to make the system Y2K compliant and in native mode. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.16****

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize IS to purchase a small AS400, and to approve a budget amendment to pay consultant fees and for the equipment for Y2K from the Y2k allocation. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.16****

17. Approval for Art Smith to Sign Requisitions

At the recommendation of the Extension Service, Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion, to authorized Art Smith, County Agent/Extension Director to sign requisitions. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.17****

18. Bid Advisement - Lawn Care

This item was held over until February 1st, 1999. ****See Exhibit F.18****

19. Eudora Gymnasium

Jim Bearden notified the Board of Supervisors, the Eudora Gymnasium has received extensive vandalism. Mr. Bearden said he recommends the building to be disposed of and the are cleaned up. Mr. Bearden said he has advertised the disposal and cleaning of the Eudora Gymnasium on Bulletin Boards and to Contractors. Mr. Bearden said at the present time the concrete slab is good and would remain.

Board Attorney, William Austin said the Board must first declare the building surplus, then can go out for bids for demolition and removal of building.

At the recommendation of Board Attorney, William Austin, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to declare the Eudora Gymnasium as surplus, and to go out for bid for demolition and removal of building. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

ITEM F.20, CONTINUED,

20. Approval to Add items to Hernando Sale/Auction

The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn presented a list of items to the Board of Supervisors to be placed on the list for the Hernando Sale/Auction.

Prop#20031	Unit # 547
JCB Backhoe	Purchase date 10-11-85
S/N# 14BN2D753129617	

Prop#20090	Unit # 102
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89 GMC SA Dump Truck Purchase date 9-01-90
S/N# IGDG7DIBXKB51437

Prop#20150 Unit # 582
JCB Backhoe 1400B Purchase date 9-01-90
S/N# 14BN21171332552/7

At the recommendation of the Road Manager, Kenny Gunn, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to declare items from Central Maintenance surplus and these items to be placed on the list for the Hernando Sale/Auction. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.20****

21. Demery Grubbs - Refunding of Bonds

Demery Grubbs came before the Board of Supervisors as formerly requested to discuss the issue of Bond restructuring.

Mr. Grubbs reminded the Board of Supervisors the McIngvale House was financed through bonds and because it has been demolished, that Bond Issue will have to be restructured. Mr. Gubbs said that he also recommended restructuring the Library and said the 1992 Bond Issue could see some cost savings through refinancing.

At the recommendation of Demery Grubbs, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the Resolution supporting the restructuring of financing for the 1992 Library; the 1992 Road & Bridge; and the McIngvale House, at a rate of 5.25%, resulting in a savings of \$ 230,000.00 to \$ 250,000.00 for the County. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.21****

22. Schoolbus Turnarounds

The DeSoto County Board of Supervisors received a letter dated January 14th, 1999, from the DeSoto County Superintendent Jerry Baird requesting the county to maintain the properties which are used as school bus turnarounds. The properties are as follows:

Betty Martin	3895 Baldwin Road - *also at dead end of Baldwin	Hernando, Ms.	Bus#90
Teresa Maness	1093 Mabry - *across from it	Hernando, Ms	Bus#11
Driveway	9641 Nolan	Olive Branch, Ms	Bus#98
Tammy Martin	4942 Horn Lake Road	Nesbit, Ms	Bus#15

ITEM F.22, CONTINUED,

In accordance with Section 19-3-42, Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended, stating that the school bus turnarounds will be built, maintained and improved, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion to build, maintain, and improve the properties listed in the Superintendent’s letter dated January 14th, 1999, and to direct the County Road Manager to carry out this order of this Board forthwith. Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.22****

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The “Executive Session” portion of this meeting is presented under the portion of minutes called “Executive Session.

H. OTHER ISSUES

1. Buses - North Delta Planning & Development

Supervisor Eugene Thach notified the Board of Supervisors, buses ordered for Mid State Opportunity should be arriving in DeSoto County middle of January and Vanessa Lynchard notified the Board of Supervisors that she has talked with the Comptroller about tags and insurance. The Board of Supervisors asked the Comptroller to report back on the additional costs.

2. Insurance - Ginger Allison

Ginger Allison of the Accounting Department appeared before the Board of Supervisors requesting to increase medical and dental benefits for County employees. Ms. Allison said these benefits have not been increased in the last eight (8) years. Ms. Allison said medical and dental cost have risen.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Ms. Allison when bids for insurance are to go out. Ms. Allison replied, within the next two (2) weeks.

At the recommendation of Ginger Allison, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion authorizing Ms. Allison to go out for bids for insurance with the present coverage, and adding benefits as options to the bid on an individual basis.

3. Bailiff Training - Joe Holmes

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to approve Joe Holmes to attend Bailiff training at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officer's Training Academy in Pearl, Mississippi on February 2nd, 1999. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit H.3****

4. Election Commission

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to recommend Quida Schrader as a replacement for Carl Payne of the Election Commission. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

ITEM F.5, CONTINUED,

5. Lease Purchase - Dump Truck

Vanessa Lynchard presented to the Board of Supervisors a Lease Purchase Agreement from First Continental for a 1999 International 4700 4x2 Dump Truck and Road Widener.

Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the lease purchase agreement with First Continental for a 1999 International 4700 4x2 Dump Truck, and the Road Widener in the amount of \$ 119,058.19, for a term of 60 months and the Dump Truck in the amount of \$ 48,777.00 for a term of 60 months, subject to the Board Attorney's approval. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit H.5****

6. Resolution - Green Blythe

Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion, to send a Resolution to the family of Green Blythe for his dedication to DeSoto County in connection with the YMD. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

7. Water Quality

Supervisor Tommy Lewis notified the Board of Supervisors that Olive Branch is under the gun with the Camp Creek ditch situation in connection with the treatment plant. Supervisor Lewis said DEQ would work with Olive Branch and DeSoto County to resolve this issue.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to instruct the County Administrator, W. E. “Sluggo” Davis to find someone to monitor Camp Creek ditch for the TMDL. The **motion passed** by unanimous vote.

8. Sheriff Department - Fingerprint Machine

Sheriff James Albert Riley appeared before the Board of Supervisors requesting approval to lease purchase a fingerprinting machine.

At the recommendation of Sheriff James Albert Riley, Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to go out for bid for the lease purchase of the fingerprinting machine for the Sheriff’s department and to authorize the purchase or bid of same. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

9. Petition to adjust - approval of Homestead Exemptions

Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the petition to adjust homestead exemption supplemental roll as presented by the Chancery Clerk. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.9****

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to recess until Monday, January 19, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

- Jessie Medlin-----Yes
- Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
- James D. Pearson-----Absent
- John Caldwell-----Yes
- Tommy Lewis-----Yes

THIS the 19th day of January, 1999, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

JESSIE L. MEDLIN, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors